

# SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLORIDA SOCIETY LAKE-SUMTER CHAPTER

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**MEETING NOTICE:** The Lake-Sumter Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution will meet on Saturday, **January 9**, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. at Taste Tempter Pancake Inn, 2310 West Main Street in Leesburg. The speaker will be Ms. Glorianne Fahs from the Leesburg Heritage Society. She will present a power point program of The Historic Mote – Morris House of Leesburg. Wives and guests are always welcome.

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Some of our longer term members will remember Compatriot Bill Towery who served many years as president and/or secretary of the Lake-Sumter Chapter. A few years ago he and his wife moved to Texas to be nearer their children. After settling in he joined the Austin, TX chapter and became president. The following is an excerpt from a Christmas letter I received from Bill:

“The drive into Austin for SAR meetings got to be a real problem, so we who live here in Williamson County decided to organize our own chapter here in Georgetown. It was chartered in May as the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, TXSSAR # 66 and already has over 30 members. I was elected Secretary, a position I held in Florida for six years.”

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2009, MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by President Steve Offutt. The invocation was given by Compatriot Rev. David Clemence. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed by SAR members reciting the SAR Pledge.

The following guests were introduced: Visiting SAR members: FLSSAR State President William Stevenson, Harry Olson and Ken Washington. Other guests were John and Diana Albee, Joanne Shukis, David Smith, John Hunton, Don Blankman and Tom Mysinger.. Present were 19 members, 7 wives and 9 guests for a total of 35.

## **CHAPTER OFFICER REPORTS.**

**President** – President Offutt welcomed members and guests. He announced that Glenn Langston and Richard Offutt have been appointed as voting members of the BOM. The next BOM will be held on January 15 – 16 and he urged members to attend. Call him for more information. Volunteers are needed to serve on the nominating committee to nominate next year’s officers. Please contact President Offutt if you will serve. He has asked each member to send him a paragraph or two about their Patriot ancestor. Each month an ancestor will be selected to be featured in the monthly newsletter as space permits. Please include the full name of your ancestor and rank if they served in the military.

He asked officers and committee chairs to send him a brief report on activities to be included in his report to the Regional VP each quarter.

**1st VP** Forry—Nothing to report

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** Wyman—Nothing, no report

**Secretary** Moody -- Called for all attendees to sign in so accurate record of attendance can be recorded for use in the Chapter Challenge contest. He announced SAR Merchandise has sent some sample tee shirts which are on display at the head table and are for sale to members.

**Treasurer** Piper -- reported there is \$4259.09 in the treasury. Dues for 2010 are now due and payable..

## **CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JROTC:** Compatriot Toops reported that all five high school JROTC units in the Lake-Sumter area have been contacted again and urged to try to compete at the next higher level than just at the individual school. This would require the cadets to write a short essay. He announced proposed changes in the program. Medals have been purchased for the 2010 awards cycle.

**PUBLICITY: Vacant**

**CHAPTER CHALLENGE:** Compatriot Dick DeArmond has accepted chairmanship of this committee and requests cooperation from all members in reporting activities to him.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEROISM: Vacant**

**VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Chairman Scott Bushnell – Absent

**COLOR GUARD:** Color Guard Commander Bob Krey announced six members of the color guard will participate in the Light Up Tavares Christmas Parade tonight. Plans are in progress to participate in the George Washington's Birthday Celebration Parade in Eustis in February.

**EAGLE SCOUT:** Co-Chairman Toops is working on a new concept of a "Triplet Certificate" and "Essay Certificate" he will propose to the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee. The Triple Certificate program will entail assistance with the Law, Genealogy, and American Heritage merit badges. He is working with B. S. Troop 233 in Leesburg as a model.

**EDUCATION:** Chairman Ron Toops – Currently attempting to change the name of the Education Committee to the Legislative Committee.

**FLAG CERTIFICATES:** Chairman Steve Offutt had flag certificates to present to two members but both were absent.

**REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST/MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman Ron Toops reported he is working with several “76er’s at this time.

**KNIGHT ESSAY/RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTESTS:** No Report

**CHAPTER WEBSITE:** The chapter website has a NEW ADDRESS. Visit it at: [www.lakesumtersar.org](http://www.lakesumtersar.org)

**DAR SUPPORT:** Campbell products labels were collected and presented to Joanne Shukis of the Puc Puggy Chapter to support the DAR Tamassee School project. Compatriot Moody asked label savers to clip and save “Box Tops For Education” logos found on General Mills and other products to help our chapter support a local middle school. For more information visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

**SPEAKER:** FLSSAR President William Stevenson gave a brief presentation on matters of the state society. Our own member, Ed Perry, presented a very interesting program on attacks on the Constitution of The United States of America.,

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CLOSING:** The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional, The American’s Creed and the Benediction by Compatriot Rev. David Clemence

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